

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 1, and 12 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5. Claim 5 is canceled. No new matter is added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-13 are presented for examination, of which claims 1, 7, and 12 are independent. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-13 define over the art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for deeming the subject matter of claim 5 as allowable. Applicants amend independent claims 1 and 12 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner asserts that the limitation *wherein said first and second reinforcing films are electrically conductive* is not supported by the specification. The Examiner correctly states that the reinforcing films disclosed in the specification are silicon films. However, the Examiner alleges that silicon is not electrically conductive. *See* Office Action, page 3, first paragraph. It appears that the Examiner is confusing ***silicon***, which is an electrically conductive material, with ***silicone***, which does not conduct electricity.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are properly supported by the Specification. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and pass the claims to allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 under various 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections. Applicants amended independent claims 1 and 12 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and pass the claims to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for one-month extension of time. Applicants believe no other fee is due with this statement. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-066RCE from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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